Answers

ELS 223 Reading

Make connections

P19: Cause and Effect

Skill practice 1

2 Because of a severe storm in the area, our plane was three hours late taking off.

C E

3 The prices of new cars are forcing many people to keep their old cars longer than they used to.

C E

4 On account of the bad weather, the baseball game has been canceled.

C E

5 The police have identified a number of factors that contribute to traffic accidents, including

E C

alcohol, speeding, and mechanical failure.

6 A lack of rain is creating problems for farmers. Their crops are not growing well.

C E

7 In the late twentieth century, there was an enormous increase in the percentage of female students in the U.S. medical schools and law schools. This was partly due to a change in society’s

E C

attitude towards women.

8 In the 1990s, world oil prices fell and stayed low. This brought about an improvement in the

C E

economies of countries that import oil.

9 Some human diseases have been associated with chemicals in the environment.

E C

10 Two months ago, a large factory closed down. This resulted in fifteen hundred people losing their jobs. C E

Skill practice 2

1 B→C→A

Cause and Effect Makers: According to

Cause: the number of people who were killed in accidents on the U.S. highways

Effect: in the decrease was the 55 mph speed limit that was introduced in 1973

2 D →F

C →B

E →A

Cause and Effect Marker: As a result

Cause: the titanic’s crew was not given enough time to become familiar with the ship

Effect: many lifeboats left the ship only half full and many more people died than needed to.

Skill practice 3

1. Blamed
2. Factors
3. Attribute
4. Bring out
5. Responsible for
6. Thanks to
7. Lead to
8. Contributed to
9. Consequences
10. Link

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